

REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the present application is being submitted herewith.

In a previous Office Action, the Examiner issued a final rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,605,102 (Hearn, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 6,081,263 (LeGall, et al.). Claim 16 was further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In response, Applicants filed an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 to amend Claim 16 to overcome the rejection of the claim under 35 U.S.C. 112. In an Advisory Action dated March 31, 2005, the Examiner indicated that Amendment was entered for purposes of appeal, but did not place the application in condition for allowance.

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to amend independent Claims 1, 6 and 11 and to add new Claims 19 and 20. Claim 19 is an independent Claim and is being added to define the invention in an alternative way. Claim 20 is dependent from Claim 19 and describes preferred features of the invention.

It is believed that the previous amendment to Claim 16 overcomes the rejection of that claim under 35 U.S.C. 112. If this is not the case, the Examiner is asked to advise the Examiner.

With regard to the rejection of the claims over the prior art, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 patentably distinguish over the prior art because the prior art does not disclose or suggest, among other features of the invention, accessing a configuration file of the type described in independent Claims 1, 6 and 11, to change characteristics of a Web page.

More specifically, this invention provides methods and systems for changing Web site

pages. Current procedures for doing this often require the use of an application programmer and may require changes to the core application design.

With the present invention, a database is provided with a view having data therein, a configuration document describing characteristics of the Web page, and a form for managing changes to the pages. This form, more specifically, is used for reading the configuration document, for retrieving data from the above-mentioned view, and for placing the retrieved data on the page as described in the configuration file. A page address is formed from the names of the database, and the above-discussed change manager form, and this page address is selected to display the data on the page. That configuration document is accessed to change the characteristics of the Web page.

Hearn, et al. describes a method for viewing different types of data in a single document. It appears that this reference is directed, at least in part, to a word processing type of application, having the ability to merge into documents various types of data, including text, graphics, spreadsheet cells, and database records.

With the system described in Hearn, et al, data are maintained within a dataset, which comprises logical information of a common data type along with the functions or processing logic needed to view and manipulate that data type. Datasets are managed by frames, which are used to view and to manipulate the datasets. By means of these frames, any type and number of datasets can be combined together into a single document and saved in a file system. Hearn, et al, though, fails to disclose or suggest a number of important features of the present invention..

LeGall, et al. describes a computer user interface that allows a user to define multimedia and internet environments on a desktop. In the disclosed procedure, tools are

used to drag items, such as a Web site, onto a scratch pad. User interactive components may also be displayed to the user.

An important feature of the invention is that the configuration document, as stored in the above-described database of the present invention, is accessed to change the characteristics of the Web page. This feature is of significant utility because, as discussed in detail in the present application, it allows the Web page to be changed easily without the intervention of an application programmer

Independent Claims 1, 6 and 11 describe this feature of the invention. In particular, each of these claims describes the feature of accessing, or means for accessing, the configuration document to change characteristics of the Web page.

The other references of record have been reviewed; and, whether they are considered individually or in combination, these other references also fail to disclose or teach this feature of the invention.


In light of the above-discussed differences between Claims 1, 6 and 11 and the prior art, and because of the advantages associated with those differences, these claims patentably distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. Claims 2-5 and 16-18 are dependent from, and are allowable with, Claim 1. Likewise, Claims 7-10 are dependent from Claim 6 and are allowable therewith, and Claims 12-15 are dependent from Claim 11 and are allowable therewith. The Examiner is, accordingly, respectfully asked to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103 and to allow these claims.

As mentioned above, new Claims 19 and 20 are being added to define the invention in an alternative way. Claim 19 describes details relating to the interaction between the elements of the database that is used to store the page view, the page characteristics and the way that

view and those characteristics are managed and used together to change the web page display. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not suggest this type of interaction between the configuration document, the web page view, and the manager for that web page view; and that, accordingly, Claim 18 and Claim 20, which is dependent from Claim 19, also patentably distinguish over the prior art.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103, and to allow Claims 1-18, and new Claims 18 and 19. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

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